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Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application preliminarily as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. In claim 1, line 1, delete "(200)";
2. In claim 1, line 2, delete "(10)" and "(19)";
3. In claim 1, line 3, replace "characterised in that" with "--wherein--";
4. In claim 1, line 4, delete "(224)";
5. In claim 1, line 4, after "forms" insert "--without initial scanning of a blank form sheet being necessary--";
6. In claim 1, line 5, delete "(238)";
7. In claim 1, line 6, delete "(18)";
8. In claim 1, line 6, after "based on", delete "the" and insert "--a--";
9. In claim 1, line 6, delete "(10)";
10. In claim 1, line 7, delete "(210)";
11. In claim 1, line 8, delete "(210, 220)" and "(18)";
12. In claim 1, line 10, delete "(238)" and "(18)";
13. In claim 1, line 14, delete "(232)";

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